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Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Recertification Changes

By: Jim Crosland

Starting January 1, 2011, the Traffic Safety Unit changed Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Recertification from optional to mandatory. The certified practitioner will recertify every two years by attending a three hour class with a written test of ten questions. In addition, the student will have to demonstrate the three nationally recognized field sobriety tests to a field instructor. The field instructor will document the proficiency on a standardized form that will be filed by the Traffic Safety Unit SFST coordinator. The documents will remain

with the unit for three years to comply with any Brady Motions that may be filed to document the officer's skill. All officers will be grandfathered in and will have to recertify before December 31, 2012.

Instructors will recertify every two years by teaching one class in a two year period either as a primary or assistant instructor, or by completing two field proficiencies for practitioner recertification. The instructor may also teach the recertification course at their respected departments. Students will have one week to complete the field profi-

ciency test after attending the classroom portion.

Instructors will submit a class request form located on the Academy's website and specify which class is going to be instructed (SFST Practitioner or SFST Recertification). The Traffic Safety Unit SFST Coordinator will reply with a confirmation letter to the instructor with specifications outlining the course materials.

The instructor will have one week to return all course materials and paperwork back to the SFST Coordinator. Any instructor may

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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

It seems that time is flying past very quickly when we look at the things that our staff has accomplished in the past year. Our Capital Improvements team, John Mincy, Russell Long, Arnold Corne and Elizabeth McDermott has been blazing their way

through the long list of repairs and improvements that have been desperately needed for so long. All the while insuring that the Village construction is kept on schedule and within budget. You might also notice that the roof renovation is well underway so we won't need as

many buckets to collect the rain water as before. That has been a long time in coming. Well done to those folks for their diligence and hard work. We also had a little snow-storm which presented a whole new set of challenges.

We discovered how



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administer the field proficiency portion, but it is that instructor's responsibility to submit the results by email using the forms link on the Academy's website, www.sccja.sc.gov.

To reduce the amount of paperwork, all

forms and proficiency tests will be submitted back to the Traffic Safety Unit utilizing the website.

For submission of field proficiency tests, click on field proficiency test and complete the form. Print the form for

your files and submit it to the Traffic Safety Unit using the link provided. It is the instructor's responsibility to document what classes are taught or what field proficiency test are administered by the instructor.

Director's Message Continued

important our inmate workers are when you don't have them around and that was the case during the snow days. Several of the staff members and Basic Law Class 564 stepped up to make sure that meals were served and the kitchen was cleaned. The Facilities crew and the garage personnel did a herculean job of clearing the snow from the range road and the range so that training could continue. The amazing thing was they were not directed to do any of these things but went about the task as professionals in support of our mission. Jeanne and David Crump, Laura Pace, Cheryl Beard, Kaye Addy, Champ McGee, Bernard Shirer, Curtis Brown, Martha Harley, Margie Manis, Janet Brooks, Shearn Mitchell, Chuck Yon, Bruce Clonts, Bill Kern, Dave Bess, George Suber, Eric Marcus, Wade Carson, Chris

McCaw and finally Class 564, "THANK YOU" for your commitment.

We also had some trainers who stayed on campus overnight to insure that the Basic Classes could continue without interruption should weather conditions get worse. They were Drew Pittman, Chris Montjoy, Bruce Hancock, Michelle Collins, Sherri Cloud and Misty Sorell. We are proud that they stepped up and took charge, so to them I also offer a well done. Mike Wingard and Mark Thomas came in to insure that we still had technical support and Jim Rochelle and Joe Lumpkin were here to make sure legals were covered. Florence McCants was here with her trusty camera to make sure the event was memorialized and of course Lennie Hicks, Mike Lanier, Randy King, John Yarborough, Mike Baker, Cliff Miller and

the Range crew showed up. There are some that I didn't see or was not aware of but as a whole the entire staff was well represented and we remained on schedule. I am proud of them all.

Changing the culture of the agency and the tenor of our training has been a daunting task but we are seeing the results. Our failure rate seems to be falling, the staff appears to understand the mission more than before and the field seems to be generally pleased with our efforts. In spite of the gloomy financial picture and an uncertain future, our mission is to train South Carolina's law enforcement officers and we will not waiver in our commitment. We need the support of the law enforcement community we serve and their guidance to insure that we are doing what is expected. This is your Academy.

Village Construction Continues

The dorm now has paint and a roof.
Work on the inside is being done. (center)

Contractors are currently working on the inside of the dining facility/kitchen (right) and classroom building (left)



Erbil College of Police Kurdistan Visit

Written By: Florence McCants

Photos By: Monica Yarborough



With the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy being the only training academy in the state we are accustomed to visitors, but recently we met with visitors from a different county.

Police officers from the Iraqi region of Kurdistan spent time at the Academy to learn a little about how we train our state's law enforcement. The program was started by Sheriff Leon Lott of the Richland County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Lott visited the Erbil College of Police in Kurdistan earlier this year, and the reciprocal visit has been an eye opening one so far. The visit took over two years of planning before it came to be, but the results were exceptional. "We were able to share and learn just as much from them as they were from us," said Director Hubert Harrell. "The staff had the opportunity to ask questions and gain an enormous amount of insight as to their country's training curriculum." The day started off with meeting the training staff and touring the facility and ended with the visitors driving and firing on the Academy's ranges. The day was full of lessons for both the hosts and the guests. The group was here for a week learning how law enforcement works and plans to take the training back to their students.



Satellite Broadcast To End

By: Monica Yarborough



On June 30, 2011 South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) will no longer broadcast Academy programming via satellite. The Academy continues its partnership to bring training via the web. The web format will allow officers to have 24/7 access to such training as the annual Legal Update and Criminal Domestic Violence as well as all programs currently being broadcast through satellite. We started this transition in late 2009 as a simulcast stream. Now we have all of our videos available on-demand with the exception of our recertification programs. We are currently working to make available our recertification's such as DMT, Radar, Lidar and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. The goal is to make these programs available 24/7, to test on-line, and print your certificate. This project is near completion and we hope to have it up and running very soon.

In order for your agency to take advantage of the on-line training you will need an agency specific pass code. With the pass code you will be able to assign as many usernames and passwords as you desire. If your department does not have a pass code please email me, Monica Yarborough, at MHYarborough@sccja.sc.gov and I will get you started. We hope that you find this beneficial to you and your department.

JP Strom Winners October-December 2010



BLE 559

Gregory S. Morris
Lexington County Sheriff's Department



BLE 560

Dustin J. Kennelly
Aiken County Sheriff's Department



BLE 562

Ted Suppiger
Blacksburg Police Department

Bert Friday Award Winners October- December 2010



BJ 296

Jonathan K. Hale
Greenville Count Detention Center



BJ 297

Brian M. Bucci
Charleston County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B564 November 15, 2010-January 28, 2011
 B565 December 13, 2010-February 18, 2011
 B566 January 10-March 11, 2011
 B567 January 31-April 1, 2011
 B568 February 21-April 22, 2011
 B569 March 14-May 13, 2011
 B570 April 4-June 3, 2011
 B571 April 25-June 24, 2011

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 299 January 3-21, 2011
 BJ 300 January 31-February 18, 2011
 BJ 301 February 28-March 18, 2011
 BJ 302 March 28-April 15, 2011

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTCO 153 January 10-21, 2011
 BTCO 154 February 21-March 4, 2011
 BTCO 155 March 13-25, 2011

Advanced Class Information

Fingerprint Recognition & Comparison	February 21-25, 2011	Assault Rifle/Select Fire Instructor	February 14-18, 2011
Basic Detective	February 14-25, 2011	Defensive Tactics Instructor	March 7-18, 2011
Narcotics Undercover Tech	March 14-18, 2011	Defensive Tactics Instructor Recert	January 10-14, 2011
	April 25-29, 2011	Ground Defense Instructor Recert	February 22-23, 2011
Crime Scene for Patrol Officers	April 12-14, 2011	Ground Defense Instructor	April 25-28, 2011
Basic SRO	March 21-25, 2011	OC Instructor Recert	February 2, 2011
Advanced SRO	April 4-8, 2011		April 6, 2011
Juvenile Specifics	January 26, 2011	Safe and Legal Traffic Stops	February 25, 2011
	February 23, 2011		March 4, 2011
	April 20, 2011		April 8, 2011
Basic Instructor Development	January 31-February 11, 2011	Speed Measurement Device Operator	March 7-9, 2011
	March 21-April 1, 2011	Traffic Collision Reconstruction	April 4-15, 2011
Specific Skills Instructor	March 1-3, 2011	DMT Certification	February 22, 23 & 24, 2011
Training Manager Development	April 18-21, 2011		March 1, 2, & 3, 2011
Human Trafficking	March 15, 2011		March 29, 30 & 31, 2011
	April 5, 2011		April 5, 6 & 7, 2011
Chief's School	April 25-29, 2011		April 26, 27 & 28, 2011
Driving Instructor School	February 7-10, 2011	DRE-Instructor	March 17-18, 2011
Firearms Instructor School	February 7-10, 2011	DRE-Pre-School	March 21-22, 2011
Select Fire (Assault Weapons)	January 24-26, 2011	DRE School	March 23-31, 2011
	March 7-9, 2011		

SNOW DAY January 10, 2011

Photos By:
Florence McCants



Retirements



Sandy Caudill

Accomplishments

Congratulations:

Gayle Whitlock

Gayle received her Masters of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) from the University of South Carolina in December 2010. Her program of study was Special Education/Learning Disabilities.



Welcome our New Employees



Jamie Mack
Fleet Services



Victoria Stroman
Finance Department